

Minutes of the March 12, 2008 Meeting
Purcellville Room
Loudoun County Government Center
1 Harrison Street, S.E., Leesburg, Virginia 20177

Members Present: Chairman Helen E. Casey, Vice Chairman Joan Rokus, John Isom (by proxy), Benjamin Lawrence, Lynn Gibson

Members Absent: Stephen Combs-Lafleur, Kurt Erickson, Mark Peterson, Phil Daley

County Staff Present: David Ward, Department of Building & Development; Marie Genovese, Department of Planning; Brian Fuller, Recording Secretary, PRCS

Guests: Butter Strother, Goose Creek Association (GCA); Hazle Edens, GCA; Brian Sears, Urban Engineering; Michael Romeo, Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich, Walsh; Victor Siegfried, Herring & Trowbridge

Chairman's Business

Chairman Helen Casey called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Vice Chairman Joan Rokus motioned to approve the January meeting minutes, with one correction. Under "Committee Business, first Next order of Business," 3rd sentence: "County" should be changed to "Keep Loudoun Beautiful (KLB)". Ben Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lovettsville Room. The next order of business was introductions, followed by Committee Business.

Committee Business

Ben Lawrence recognized and thanked PRCS for printing the revised GCSRAC brochure. Ben said that the timeline had passed for applying for the Chesapeake Bay Grant to get funds for postage on the brochure. Ben will research into the landowners along the Creek and will send a brochure to all, as well as provide copies of the brochure to the Fauquier Goose Creek Scenic River Task Force. Ben also moved to share the brochure with the newly-elected county Board of Supervisors. Vice Chairman Rokus seconded the motion.

Chairman Helen Casey shared photos from the Board of Supervisors Resolution of Appreciation to the Committee, which was held on January 15, 2008. Chairman Helen Casey also mentioned that she visited Joe Maroon, Director of Virginia Department of

Conservation and Recreation (DCR) on February 12th. She shared the Resolution and the revised brochure with him, and he was very pleased.

Chairman Helen Casey mentioned that she and her husband had gone with Mark Novak, PRCS on March 6th to Edgar Tillet Memorial Park to view the ballfield lighting and impact on the night sky. She said that the lack of light glare was satisfying.

Play to Win, LLC, SPEX 2007-0056, SPEX 2007-0059, SPEX 2007-0060, and ZMOD 2007-0012:

Chairman Helen Casey introduced the guest speakers, Michael Romeo of Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich, Walsh and Brian Sears of Urban Engineering, representing Play to Win, LLC. This was the third presentation that Play to Win, LLC had given to the Committee. Mr. Romeo gave the Committee Members copies of the draft Deed of Open Space Easement, to be placed over the proposed 300' buffer along Goose Creek. Mr. Romeo also went over and discussed the application referral comments from the Committee and from PRCS. Artificial turf fields are proposed to be assured as a Condition of Approval on the Special Exception. Any comments or referrals to the Planning Department, Commission, or Board of Supervisors will be based on this assumption.

Mr. Romeo mentioned that the easement will be revised to include an allowance for foot traffic only, and to verbally identify the easement location. Mr. Romeo agreed for his client to a condition to construct the trail along the Creek, contingent on the extension of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail connector-trail across an adjacent property to the subject property. Mr. Romeo also agreed that his client will condition to provide directional signs along the trail, and will provide a pedestrian connection from the end of the access / service road to the trail along the Creek.

Mr. Sears discussed and explained the location and function of the sand filters and the dry stormwater ponds. Committee members expressed their concern over the vast expanse of impervious parking lot, but Mr. Sears assured the Committee that the filters and ponds were designed to fully meet the County requirements for a 10-year storm. He also mentioned that the 2 natural turf fields were being proposed on the middle terrace due to the reservation for the future Russell Branch Parkway extension. He said that should the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) be revised to remove the extension, then all fields will be built with synthetic turf.

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian G. Fuller, PRCS